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Ms. Rosemary Brown
Chief Commissioner
Ontario Human Rights Commission
Toronto, Ontario

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Dear Ms. Brown,

This is simply to reiterate the concern that you seem unconcerned that the Ministry of Health continues to allow persons disabled by environmental sensitivities to be subjected to physical and emotional abuse in facilities owned and operated by the province.

Your staff have acted in a manner which I consider to be discriminatory. Anita Dahling said, when first appointed to head the systemic abuse unit, that she would not accept a systemic complaint because it might affect the credibility of her unit. This despite international recognition of the problem, recommendations by past federal health ministers, and even recommendations in 1989 by legal staff within the Ministry of Health that persons with this disability be protected from abuse.

It is tragic when authorities such as your own ignore ongoing horrific abuse of persons unable to defend themselves. As you know, I am particularly concerned about psych patients whose problems are caused or exacerbated by sensitivities who are not being screened out of the general psychiatric population, who are consequently being subjected to horrific abuse, for whom you could initiate a complaint if you were concerned.

Sincerely,

Chris Brown